

**Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**

October 15, 2004

Executive Tower

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Basement Room 56

**MINUTES**

**Members Present-(telephonically)**

Kurt Davis – President

Mary Gifford – Superintendent’s Designee

Lynne Adams – Public Member

Jose Gabriel Loyola – Public Member

Onnie Shekerjian- Public Member

Meeting began at 9:14 AM

**Members Absent**

Kimberly Mosher– Vice President

David Hume-Business Member

Cassandra Larsen - Public Member

Mary Lynn Kelly -Business Member

Senator Linda Aguirre - Advisory

Representative John Huppenthal - Advisory

Representative Ted Carpenter - Advisory

**Agenda Item A: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item B: Moment of Silence**

**Agenda Item C: Roll Call:** Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

**Agenda Item D: Call to the Public**

Patti Shaw, charter representative for Intelli-School and president/CEO of ReSolutions Education Services stated she was present at the meeting to offer support to Sandra Houston, charter representative of Arizona Montessori Charter School.

Shana Jent-Griffis, former parent of Arizona Montessori Charter School, read a letter to the Board regarding the non-communication with the school concerning the closure of the school, the concern that parents were substitute teachers without fingerprint clearance cards, and that her child’s student records were sent to another charter school without her consent

Greg Miller, charter representative for Challenge Charter School, spoke to the Board on behalf of the charter schools that participated in the first bond pool, which both Challenge Charter and Arizona Montessori are a part of and any decisions may impact all schools participating in the bond pool.

## **Agenda Item E: Arizona Montessori Charter School**

Kristen Jordison provided to the Board an updated status report. She stated the Board had met on October 12<sup>th</sup> and had asked Arizona Montessori Charter school to provide a comprehensive plan that demonstrates the school's ability to sustain operation from October 18<sup>th</sup> through the end of the school year. The report was due close of business October 13<sup>th</sup>. The specific requirements were:

- **A revised school calendar that meets the minimum 179 days of instruction**
- **Demonstration of a secured facility that meets the calendar**
- **Documentation from parents that they plan to return on re-opening**
- **All teacher rosters for days in session**
- **Monthly cash flow for remainder of fiscal year and next fiscal year**
- **Verification of written commitment of loan or investment and terms**
- **Communication plan**
- **Documentation of compliance with FERPA for student records**
- **Timeline**
- **Plan A-Items requested on October 12th**
- **Plan B -If no cash flow loan**
- **Plan C-If no loans available at all**

On Wednesday, October 13, 2004 the School submitted a six page fax that included a cover page indicating that additional time was necessary to submit specified components of the plan, verification in the change of the school calendar with the Arizona Department of Education, School Finance, a list of returning students from Prescott Valley that did not indicate the method of verification, and a partial agreement with Resolutions for the maintenance of student records.

Alexander Hristov, answered questions from the Board regarding the financial situation including the lease agreement and grants for the school.

Leo Condos, attorney for Arizona Montessori, answered questions from the Board.

Greg Miller, charter representative for Challenge Charter, answered questions from the Board regarding the bond pool.

Sandra Houston, charter representative confirmed to the Board that the school would be open on October 18, 2004 as scheduled.

The Board further ordered that if all elements of the plan

### **MOTION**

Motion by Onnie Shekerjian to extend the deadline for **Arizona Montessori Charter School** for the submission of the comprehensive plan as described to the close of business on Wednesday, October 20, 2004. This request includes written documentation of any deferred obligations with regard to payment of products or services be provided. Additionally, the Board set an expectation that all the teachers be paid any back pay owed from the anticipated loan or investment proceeds immediately upon receipt of those funds. Motion seconded by Kurt Davis .

### **Motion passes**

**(ayes-Adams, Shekerjian, Davis)**  
**(nays-Gifford, Loyola)**

were not received by the deadline that a meeting be scheduled and held on or soon after October 21, 2004 to re-assess the situation and requested that the staff visit the school on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the first day back in session.

**Agenda Item F: Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:44am.

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Signature

Date